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CONFERENCE

5–6 May 2011  
Hotel Radisson  
Blue Daugava,  
Riga

# Green Growth in the Baltic Sea Region

The conference will identify opportunities and policy implications for realizing synergies between green growth initiatives, programs and projects in the Baltic Sea Region. By actively engaging the private sector the conference will also provide recommendations for how the EU Strategy and Action Plan for the Baltic Sea Region can further accelerate green growth – and thereby also contribute to the Europe 2020 Strategy.



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*preliminary program* 



DAY 1  
5 MAY 2011

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•••	11:00	Registration	
	12:00	Lunch	
	13:00	<b>Welcome and introduction</b>	<i>Mr Girts Valdis Kristovskis</i> , Foreign Minister, Latvia <i>Mr Verner Kristiansen</i> , conference moderator
•••	13:15	<b>Opening session</b>	<b>Nordic perspectives on Green Growth</b> <i>Mr Halldór Ásgrímsson</i> , Secretary General, Nordic Council of Ministers <b>Europe 2020, the Baltic Sea Strategy and Green Growth</b> <i>Mr Jose Palma Andres</i> , Director, EU Commission DG Regional Policy (tbc) <b>Going for Green Growth in the Baltic Sea Region</b> <i>Mr Hans Brask</i> , Director, Baltic Development Forum
•••	14:00	<b>Perspectives on</b>	<b>Green Growth in Latvia</b> <i>Mrs Dagnija Blumberga</i> , Prof. Institute of Energy Systems and Environment, Riga Technical University
•••	14:15	<b>State of play</b>	<b>Overview on Green Growth initiatives in the Baltic Sea Region</b> <i>Mr Thomas Winther</i> , Adviser to NCM on EUSBSR/Director, Innogate
	14:30	Coffee break	
•••	14:45	<b>Breakout Session</b>	<b>Accelerating green growth by realising synergies between existing instruments and activities</b>
		<b>Four (4) parallel sessions</b>	<b>will:</b>
		<b>Parallel sessions and facilitating introductions</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• I) identify opportunities for accelerating green growth through synergies between on-going green growth efforts, and</li> <li>• II) propose practical steps to enhance cooperation on green growth</li> </ul>
		<b>Transport:</b>	<b>Sustainable Transport and Green Corridors</b> <i>Mr Wiktor Szydarowski</i> , Project Manager, TransBaltic
			<b>The Baltic Sea Region as a demonstration region for hydrogen cars</b> <i>Mr Sven Wolf</i> , Director Business Development, Hydrogen Sweden Secretariat and Board Member, Scandinavian Hydrogen Highway Partnership
		<b>Living:</b>	<b>Eco-Construction</b> <i>Mr Søren Tegen Pedersen</i> , Director, Danish Enterprise and Construction Authority
			<b>Urban Environment</b> NN, Hamburg European Green Capital of Europe 2011
			<b>From Wastewater to Energy – Reducing Urban Eutrophication</b> <i>Mrs Hannamaria Yliruusi</i> , Project Coordinator, Union of the Baltic Cities
		<b>Energy production:</b>	<b>Bioenergy</b> <i>Mr Nerius Pedisius</i> , project partner, Baltic Sea Region Bioenergy Promotion project (tbc)
			<b>Fostering green growth through wind energy</b> <i>Mrs Tuulikki Kasonen</i> , General Manager of Estonian Wind Power Association
		<b>Energy consumption:</b>	<b>Green Public Procurement for Green Growth</b> <i>Mrs Karin Klingspor</i> , Senior Adviser, Swedish Environmental Protection Agency
			<b>Business cooperation on energy efficiency with partners in Kaliningrad</b> <i>Mr Arne Grove</i> , Director, Nordic Council of Ministers Information Office in Kaliningrad



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	16:30	Plenary Session	<b>Accelerating green growth by realising synergies between existing instruments and activities</b>
		<i>Report from parallel sessions:</i>	<b>Discussion in panel and with floor</b> In panel: <i>Mrs Dagnija Blumberga</i> , Prof. Institute of Energy Systems and Environment, Riga Technical University <i>Mr Wiktor Szydarowski</i> , Project Manager, TransBaltic <i>Mr Søren Tegen Pedersen</i> , Director, Danish Enterprise and Construction Authority <i>Mrs Hannamaria Yliruusi</i> , Project Coordinator, Union of Baltic cities <i>Mrs Karin Klingspor</i> , Senior Adviser, Swedish Environmental Protection Agency
	17:30	End of day 1	
	19:00	Networking dinner	
<b>DAY 2 6 MAY 2011</b>	08:45	Conclusions from Day 1	<i>Mr Verner Kristiansen</i> , conference moderator
	09:00	Plenary Session:	<b>Green Growth in the Baltic Sea Region towards 2020?</b> <i>Mrs Anne Brunila</i> , Executive Vice President, Corporate Relations and Sustainability Fortum (tbc) <b>Sustainable production through innovation in SMEs (SPIN)</b> <i>Mr Daniel De Graaf</i> , SPIN project manager, Federal Environment Agency, Germany <b>Growing green SMEs – Branding the BSR as a Green Growth Region?</b> <i>Mrs Lene Grønning</i> , Business Ambassador, Business Centre Bornholm. <b>Clusters as vehicles for green growth</b> <i>Mrs Mari Panstar-Kallio</i> , Programme Director, Finnish Cleantech Cluster, Lahti Science and Business Park <b>Accelerating green innovation and competitiveness</b> <i>Mr Håkan Knutsson</i> , Managing Director, Sustainable Business Hub AB, Malmö <b>Financing green growth – Developments and trends in the Nordic cleantech venture capital sector</b> <i>Mr Alexander Lidgren</i> , Managing Director Nordic Cleantech Open
	10:15	Plenary session:	<b>The role of governments in accelerating Green Growth – and what is role of intergovernmental organisations such as the Nordic Council of Ministers and the European Commission?</b> Discussion with panel and floor
	10:45	Breakout Session: (Coffee will be served in breakout rooms)	<b>Implications for the EU Strategy for the Baltic Sea Region</b>
		<b>Four (4) parallel sessions</b>	<b>will:</b>
		<b>Parallel session themes:</b> (Coffee will be served in breakout rooms)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• I) identify and discuss enabling policies and instruments to accelerate green growth in the Baltic Sea Region, and</li> <li>• II) implications for the European Union Strategy for the Baltic Sea Region</li> </ul> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The Baltic Sea Region as a test-bed for green growth solutions</li> <li>• Green clusters and cross-cluster cooperation</li> <li>• Financing green growth initiatives at the BSR level</li> <li>• Branding the BSR as a region for green growth excellence</li> </ul>
	12:15	Plenary Session:	<b>Moving forward – accelerating green growth in the Baltic Sea Region</b> Report from parallel sessions
	12:45	Closing session	Discussion in panel and with floor
	13:00	Networking lunch and departure	